

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1559 - HB 1644**

February 8, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all private secondary and post-secondary education institutions to implement a handgun carry policy. Policies may either permit or prohibit handguns on campus.

If an institution elects to permit handguns on a campus, or on any portion of a campus, the handgun must be in the possession of an individual who has a valid handgun carry permit pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351.

If an institution elects to prohibit handguns on a campus, all handguns, regardless of whether an individual has a valid carry permit are prohibited. All policies shall be in writing and disseminated such that students, parents, and campus visitors will be notified of the handgun policy of each secondary and post-secondary education institution. Such notification may be performed by electronic means and may include posting notices in buildings on campus.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - \$7,300/Incarceration\***

Assumptions:

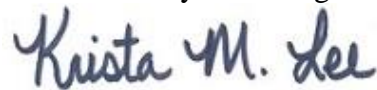
- Any expenditure relative to private institutions creating; providing notification of policies including sign postings; and enforcing handgun carry policies will be borne by the private institution.
- Statistics from the Department of Correction (DOC) show an average of two admissions each year for the past five years for carrying a weapon on school property. The specifics of these admissions are unknown, but it is reasonably assumed that the bill will result in one fewer admission every five years.
- The average time served for a Class E felony is 1.47 years, or 536.92 days.
- According to the DOC, the average operating cost per offender per day for calendar year 2016 is \$67.73.
- The annualized decrease in incarceration costs is \$7,273.12 [(536.92 days x \$67.73) / 5].

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*\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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